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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ZAMBIAN MISSION PRESS RELEASE OF
FEBRUARY 19 CONCERNING ZAMBIAN RELATIONS WITH MPLA:

QTE: ZAMBIA CLARIFIES HERE STAND ON ANGOLA

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ZAMBIA MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
TODAY MADE A CLARIFICATION ON THE STATEMENT MADE IN PARLIAMENT
YESTERDAY BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. RUPIAH
B. BANDA, AS GIVING DE FACTO AND NOT DE JURE RECOGNITION
OF THE MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. HE SAID THAT ZAMBIA
WOUL TREAT ANGOLA AS ANY OTHER OAU MEMBER STATE.

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THE MINISTER'S STATEMENT CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING SEVEN

(7) POINTS:-

1. ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS HERE RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA AS A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE;

2. ZAMBIA REAFFIRMS HERE BELIEF IN A POLITICAL SOLUTION AS THE ONLY ONE WHICH GUARANTEES UNITY, PEACE AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE WHOLE OF ANGOLA. ZAMBIA, THEREFORE, CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO BLOODSHED;

3. ZAMBIA HAS NEVER BEEN AGAINST MPLA. SHE IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE MPLA NOW AND WILL NOT BE AGAINST MPLA IN THE FUTURE. ZAMBIA IS READY TO WORK WITH ANY ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA;

4. ZAMBIA IS OPPOSED TO ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND ONCE AGAIN, CALLS FOR COMPLETE AND TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY ARE LEFT ALONE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINY;

5. SINCE THE MPLA GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE OAU, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THAT ORGANIZATION, ZAMBIA, AS IN THE PAST, WILL PLAY HERE PART IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF PEACE IN ANGOLA;

6. ZAMBIA URGES THE FNLA AND UNITA, TOGETHER WITH THEIR FOLLOWERS TO FORGET THE PAST AND JOIN HANDS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IN THE GIGANTIC TASK OF NATIONAL BUILDING;

7. IN THIS SAME SPIRIT, ZAMBIA APPEALS TO THE MPLA GOVERNMENT, IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION, TO BE MORE ACCOMMODATING AND EXTEND A BROTHERLY HAND OF PEACE TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA. UNQTE. MOYNIHAN

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